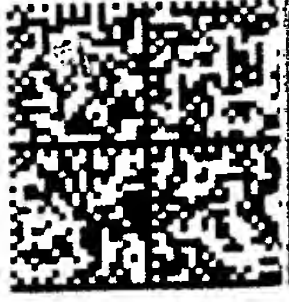


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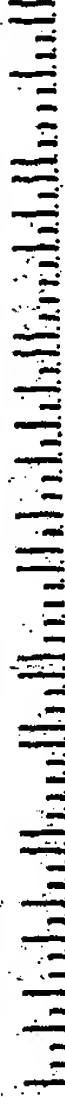
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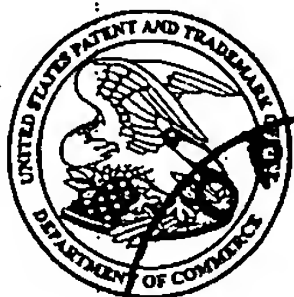
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This is a notice regarding your request for acceptance of a fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28. On September 1, 1998, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit held that 37 CFR 1.28(c) is the sole provision governing the time for correction of the erroneous payment of the issue fee as a small entity. See DH Technology v. Synergystex International, Inc. 154 F.3d 1333, 47 USPQ2d 1865 (Fed. Cir. Sept. 1, 1998).

The Office no longer investigates or rejects original or reissue applications under 37 CFR 1.56. **1098 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 502 (January 3, 1989).** Therefore, nothing in this Notice is intended to imply that an investigation was done.

Your fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28 is hereby **NOT ACCEPTED**.

The fee deficiency cannot be accepted because the itemization was not provided within one (1) month of the of the mail date of the decision dated February 12, 2010. In the response dated September 28, 2010, Applicant stated the delay in filing a reply was due to the notification from the USPTO not being received. In this regard, any future response should include any evidence to prove Applicant never received the decision dated February 12, 2010.

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